

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
CITY OF WILLMAR, MINNESOTA  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012**

**MINUTES**

The Community Development Committee of the Willmar City Council met on Thursday, October 11, 2012, in Conference Room No.1 at the City Office Building. Chair Dokken called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

**Present:**

Jim Dokken	Chair
Steve Ahmann	Council Member
Ron Christianson	Council Member
Bruce DeBlieck	Council Member
Bruce Peterson	Director of Planning and Development Services

**Others present:** Frank Yanish – Mayor, Tim Johnson – Council Member, Steve Renquist – Economic Development Commission, David Little – West Central Tribune

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

There were no public comments offered at this meeting.

**2. 515 NORTHWEST 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET (MOTION)**

The Committee reviewed photos of the deteriorating home at 515 NW 7<sup>th</sup> ST. The property is in foreclosure and the deed is currently held by Fannie Mae. Research has determined that the property is on the National Register of Historic Places, but there is no evidence that a preservation easement has ever been recorded for the property. In discussing the situation with the City Attorney, it was recommended that the Council issue a formal repair order as a preliminary step to a hazardous building declaration.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Council member Christianson, seconded by Council member DeBlieck and passed for the following:

**RECOMMENDATION:** To direct staff to file formal correction orders for exterior repairs and to allow 45 days to complete the work.

### **3. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Staff of the City and Economic Development Commission presented and reviewed lists of recent and proposed projects. City staff presented a list of 2012 commercial/industrial projects that was accompanied by an explanatory memo and location map (See Attachment A). It was noted that 2012 projects will exceed \$11 million dollars, and there is \$24 million dollars' worth of commercial/industrial work already anticipated for 2013. Steve Renquist, Economic Development Commission Director, presented a handout of EDC projects and explained the relationship of the projects to EDC goals (See Attachment B).

### **4. MISCELLANY (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Steve Ahmann inquired about downtown plan progress and the revision of development financing policies. Staff indicated that the Downtown Planning Committee was scheduled to meet on October 17<sup>th</sup>, but that work had not yet begun on the revisions to the development financing policies.

5. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Peterson, AICP  
Director of Planning and Development Services